STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-7, SUB 1281

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC,)	
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8 and)	
Commission Rule R8-71 Related to CPRE)	ORDER EXCUSING WITNESSES
Compliance Report and CPRE Cost Recovery)	
Rider)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 28, 2023, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), filed an Application for Approval of CPRE Rider and 2022 Compliance Report, along with supporting direct testimony and exhibits. The Application included the Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Christy J. Walker (Walker). On March 16, 2023, the Commission issued a Scheduling Order in the above-captioned docket that, among other things, scheduled an expert witness hearing to be held on May 30, 2023. On May 9, 2023, the Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) filed direct testimony and exhibits, including the Testimony and Exhibit of Darrus Cofield.

On May 24, 2023, DEC and the Public Staff (collectively Movants) filed a joint motion requesting that the Commission excuse witnesses Walker and Cofield from testifying at the May 30, 2023 hearing and accept their prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record. Movants state that they consulted with all parties to this docket, that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination of these witnesses, and do not object to the witnesses' prefiled testimony and exhibits being introduced into evidence and made part of the record in this matter.

Based on Movants' motion and the record, the Commission finds good cause to excuse witnesses Walker and Cofield from testifying at the expert witness hearing and to receive their prefiled testimony and exhibits into the record.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of May, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk

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